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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 December 2003.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

In claims 1 and 6 , the specification and Fig. 2, does not subscribe the recitation " a converter for replacing difference among the frame frequencies with difference a among the number of pixels for the plurality of the **digital compressed video stream** ." It is noted that the specification and Fig. 2 disclose that the pixel converter (9) converts pixel for **decompressed or decoded** video signal.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent

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granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1 –10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Reimer et al (6118486).

Regarding claim 1, Reitmeier discloses a video reproducing apparatus (Fig 1,)for reproducing a plurality of digital video signals having different frame frequencies (column 4, lines 10-25) , comprising: a decoder (120) for receiving a plurality of digital compressed video stream and for decoding frame frequency information contained in the digital compressed vide stream (column 5, lines 1-24); and pixel converting means (150) for replacing differences among said frame frequencies by differences among the numbers of horizontal pixels for said plurality of digital video signals having the different frame frequencies (column 5, lines 25-36) and performing a conversion of the number of pixels so that said plurality of digital video signals having the different frame frequencies can be processed by a common clock frequency, wherein the number of horizontal pixels of said pixel number converting means is properly set in accordance with an output of the decoder (column 3, line 5-15).

Regarding claim 2, Reitmeier further teaches that the pixel number converting means converts the number of pixels so that a ratio of the numbers of horizontal pixels of said plurality of digital video signals is set to a reciprocal number of a ratio of the frame frequencies of said plurality of digital video signals (column 7, lines 25-54).

Regarding claim 3, Reitmeier further teaches that the decoder decode the frame frequency by extracting frame frequency discrimination information included in a broadcasted digital video signal (column 5, lines 1-24);

Regarding claim 4, Reitmeier further teaches that the pixel number converting means sets the different numbers of horizontal pixels in a case where said inputted digital video signal is a standard video signal and a case where it is a high definition video signal (column 7, lines 35-45, column 11).

Regarding claim 5, Reitmeier, further teaches that the number of horizontal pixels which is set into said pixel number converting means in case of the standard video signal and the number of horizontal pixels which is set into said pixel number converting means in case of the high definition video signal are selected to proper values at the time of designing of said video reproducing apparatus, so that a clock frequency in case of processing the standard video signal and a clock frequency in case of processing the high definition video signal are set to near frequencies (column 10, lines 35-45).

Method apparatus claims 6-10 correspond to apparatus claims 1-5. Therefore method apparatus claims 6-10 are rejected by the same reason as applied to apparatus claims 1-5.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Florencio et al teaches an apparatus for changing the horizontal pixels of a decoded digital video stream.

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

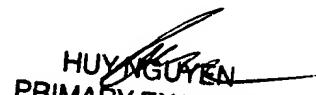
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HUY T NGUYEN whose telephone number is (703) 305-4775. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM -6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Christensen can be reached on (703) 308-9644. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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